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a configuration manger that directs the reading of the configuration information from the information card and that configures the electronic mail system in accordance with the read configuration information so that a user can then use the electronic mail system.

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Amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended Once) A method in an information card generating computer system for initializing and distributing information cards that contain configuration information for configuring a computer of a user, the method comprising:

- receiving a request for an information card from a user of a user computer;
- directing execution of a program on the user computer that collects configuration information from the user computer and sends the collected configuration information to the information card generating computer system;
- storing the configuration information on an information card; and
- directing the distribution of the information card to the user so that the user can use the information card to configure a computer that is capable of reading the information card.

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4. (Amended Once) The method of claim 1 including transferring the program that collects the configuration information from the information card generating computer system to the user computer.

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9. (Amended Once) The method of claim 6 wherein the user uses the configured browser and including transmitting of information relating to the use to a central computer.

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10. (Amended Once)The method of claim 6 wherein the user uses the configured browser and including resetting the configuration of the browser when the user stops using the browser.

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12. (Amended Once)A computer system for allowing access to components that are configured in accordance with the configuration of a user's computer, comprising:

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a web browser;

an information card reader for reading configuration information for the web browser from an information card, the information card being initialized based on configuration information specific to a user; and

a configuration manger that directs the reading of the configuration information from the information card and that configures the web browser in accordance with the read configuration information so that a user can then use the web browser.

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16. (Amended Once)The method of claim 15 wherein the component is a web browser.

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21. (Amended Once)A computer readable medium that can be transported by a user and read by a computer system that is accessible by multiple users, the medium containing a data structure that includes:

an identification of a user; and

configuration information relating to configuration information of a web browser that includes an indication of the web browser, an indication of a home